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NYBG Celebrates the Traditions of Latin America and the Caribbean with a Month of Digital Programs and Events

***Fiesta de Flores at Home* Takes Place Now Through October 15, 2020, Commemorating Hispanic Heritage Month**

Bronx, NY—The New York Botanical Garden celebrates the plants and people of Latin America and the Caribbean with *Fiesta de Flores at Home* now through October 15, 2020. The Botanical Garden's annual in-person *Fiesta de Flores* program commemorating Hispanic Heritage Month will take place online this year, with a month of digital programs and events featuring botanical and scientific stories, dance and musical performances, cooking demonstrations, and more.

The New York Botanical Garden has re-opened its grounds to the general public in a gradual process in accordance with State and New York Forward requirements for businesses and cultural institutions, CDC guidelines, and OSHA standards. All in-person events, on-site programs and classes, and exhibitions remain suspended as a safety precaution. Although on-site Garden offerings may be closed temporarily, our virtual gates are wide open.

Fiesta de Flores at Home includes:

- **Bombazo Puertorriqueña Dance**

Video performance to debut September 22, 2020

Bombazo Dance Co. performances are a beloved tradition of *Fiesta de Flores* at the Garden. Bomba celebrates the rich cultural history of Puerto Rico's African roots within the Hispanic culture. Dating back to the 17th century, the community gathers together to celebrate with drum, dance and song. Join renowned Puerto Rican Bomba dancer Milteri Tucker Concepcion as she guides you on a Bomba Puertorriqueña journey.

- **Journey Through Peru: Zoom Webinar**

September 24, 2020; 1 p.m.

Registration opens September 18, 2020

NYBG scientist Fabián Michelangeli shares a special introduction about his 2018 trip to the Yanachanga-Chemillén National Park in Peru. Watch this 20-minute first-hand account of his search for plants in the princess-flower family (*Melastomataceae*), one of the most diverse plant families in the tropics. Along the way, learn more about NYBG's efforts to understand and conserve the amazing diversity of Earth's plant life. Then enjoy a Q&A with Fabián about his fieldwork.

- **Garden Sets: Doreen Montalvo**

Video performance to debut October 6, 2020

Enjoy a special Garden Sets: Musical Performance at NYBG by Doreen Montalvo with songs from her new album *American Soul, Latin Heart*. A Bronx native and original cast member of Lin-Manuel Miranda's Tony Award-winning musical *In the Heights*, Doreen has been featured in numerous Broadway shows. She recently appeared in *Mrs. Doubtfire* and *West Side Story* and can be seen in the upcoming film version of *In the Heights*. You can hear Doreen's voice in Disney's *Moana*.

- **NYBG Beyond Books Club: Ynés Mexía**

Dig deeper and keep learning with the NYBG Beyond Books Club, featuring publications by NYBG staff, recommendations for continued learning, and ways to stay engaged with the community. Join the ongoing discussion online about the PBS Masters series *Unsung Women Who Changed America* about Ynés Mexía (1870–1938), a Mexican-American botanist who began studying plants at age 51. During her 13-year career, she led expeditions in Mexico, Central America, and South America and discovered more than 500 new species, becoming one of the most accomplished plant collectors of her time. Join the Beyond Books Club on Facebook for group discussion.

- **A Historic Look at Plant History with The Hand Lens**

Magnify your knowledge of plants and culture through behind-the-scenes stories of adventure and discovery. Learn about the work of NYBG scientists and collaborators in Latin America and the Caribbean where they are leading efforts to conserve ecosystems that are among the most diverse in the world.

The New York Botanical Garden's *Fiesta de Flores at Home* is available now through October 15 at [NYBG at Home](#), the Garden's new content hub with videos, plant guides, virtual events, recipes for kids, and much more.

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